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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Kazuhisa FUKUSHIMA**

Group Art Unit: 1634

Application Number: **10/801,544**

Examiner: **Bradley L. Sisson**

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Confirmation Number: **2323**

For: **A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SEPARATING AND
PURIFYING BIOPOLYMERS**

Attorney Docket Number: **042187**
Customer Number: **38834**

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

February 9, 2007

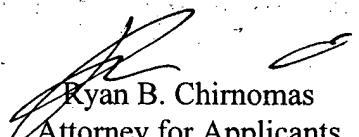
Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated September 11, 2006 for 2 months from December 11, 2006 to February 11, 2007.

Attached please find a check in the amount of \$450.00 for the cost of the extension. If any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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